

EXAM PREPARATION 5.1

- a Describe what is meant by a mixed economy. [4]
- b Explain **three** macro-economic aims a government might have. [6]
- c What is meant by a government's budget? [4]
- d Discuss how a government might finance its expenditure. [6]

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SECTION 4

Supply-side policies

ACTIVITY 5.3

A walk on the supply side

The articles below refer to some different supply-side policies. What are they and how do you think they can help to boost output and employment?

UK plans skills academies to close productivity gap

Workers are to be offered free vocational training as part of a huge government drive to tackle the chronic lack of basic skills among millions of adults, ministers are set to announce today.

The Pakistan Telecommunications Authority today found Mobilink, the country's leading cellular company, guilty of anti-competitive practices by overcharging its 'valued subscribers' for making calls to other cellular operators. The PTA has ordered Mobilink to make revisions to its tariffs.

Milk market deregulation benefits Australian consumer

Six months after the deregulation of Australia's dairy industry, milk prices have fallen by as much as 40 cents a litre with the likelihood of further drops, said the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) this week.

Romania claims privatization in the energy sector was a step forward towards a healthy economy. New investors entering the energy market will bring substantial benefits to companies and the competition environment.

New tax incentives finally approved

After months of back and forth, The European Commission has finally approved the UK's new film industry tax incentives. The new tax credit is expected to take effect from January 1st, and will benefit film-makers investing at least 25% of their budget in the UK.

Trade unions protest against anti-strike laws